

WDFW Reply to Yakama Nation

From: Winegeart, Shana L (DFW)
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2012 6:06 PM
To: Johnson Meninick
Cc: Jessica@yakama.com; David Powell; Zeigler, Robert C (DFW); Kuykendall, Kristen (DFW); Clausing, Ted A (DFW)
Subject: Yakama Nation review of the Whiskey Dick road project

Mr. Meninick,

Thank you for your comments regarding the Whiskey Dick Road Improvement project. There seems to have been some confusion about consultation on cultural resource protections related to this project, which I would like to clarify. The road improvement project entails two separate aspects – 1) protecting a hearth found in the middle of the existing Cayuse Road, and 2) making improvements to the Whiskey Dick Ridge Road.

- 1) WDFW Engineering staff contacted Mr. David Powell regarding the hearth site, and discussed protection alternatives. These conversations occurred on the phone, and we have since asked Mr. Powell to provide a letter or email that would outline his recommendations. No construction is planned for this site, but WDFW recently acquired funding to improve Whiskey Dick Wildlife Area roads, and we felt that protecting this site was a high priority.
- 2) I provided Mr. Powell with a copy of the archaeological survey conducted by EWU staff regarding the Ridge Road portion of the project. It is my understanding that this information was passed on to Jessica Lally for Yakama Nation review, and that the concerns outlined in your letter have been addressed. If this is not true, please feel free to contact me with any further questions or requests.

I apologize for the confusion and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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